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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Irvine – Man Fraudulently Obtained Five Million Dollars in COVID-19 Relief Loans

(U) Mustafa Qadiri, a 38-year-old resident of Irvine, California was arrested on federal charges after authorities say he fraudulently obtained millions of dollars through COVID-19 relief funds to buy luxury cars, take vacations, and cover personal expenses. Qadiri obtained approximately \$5 million in Payment Protection Program funds after claiming to own four businesses in nearby Newport Beach, none of which are currently in operation. Qadiri submitted claims for All American Lending, Inc., All American Capital Holdings, Inc., RadMediaLab, Inc., and Ad Blot, Inc. in May and June 2020 with altered bank accounts, fake federal tax return forms, and someone else's identity. All cars and \$2 million from Qadiri's bank account were seized by federal agents when he surrendered himself to authorities on Friday.

SOURCE: 9 May 2021, [USA Today](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Russian Criminal Group Suspected in Colonial Pipeline Ransomware Attack

(U) Washington – DarkSide, a Russian criminal group, may be responsible for a ransomware attack that shut down a major US fuel pipeline. The group is relatively new, but it has a sophisticated approach to the business of extortion. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said that the White House was working to help Colonial Pipeline, the Georgia-based company that operates the pipeline, to restart its 5,500-mile network. The system, which runs from Texas to New Jersey, transports 45% of the East Coast's fuel supply.

SOURCE: 9 May 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) Colorado – Six Victims in Shooting at Birthday Party, Suspected Gunman Takes Own Life

(U) Colorado Springs – Yesterday morning, a man drove to a birthday party at a mobile home, walked inside and started shooting, killing six people and himself. Officers found six adults dead inside the residence. One man was taken to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The shooter appeared to be the boyfriend of one of the female victims. No children in attendance were injured and are currently with other relatives. Detectives are working to determine a motive and plan to release the identity of the victims at a future time.

SOURCE: 9 May 2021, [9News](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Man Fatally Shot by Police After Driving Vehicle into Leicester Police Station

(U) Leicester – Just after 6 AM yesterday morning, a man drove his vehicle into the Leicester Police Station and reportedly pulled out a weapon. Officers on site shot and killed the man before he could do any serious harm. The district attorney's office is currently investigating and plans to release more information about the suspect and their motive when they have more.

SOURCE: 9 May 2021, [MassLive](#)

(U) Washington – Jalisco New Generation Cartel Trying to Gain Foothold in Pacific Northwest

(U) Seattle – Federal drug investigators say there are many homegrown, illegal drug makers who are operating in the Seattle area and the Pacific Northwest, but violent Mexican drug cartels like Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) are moving in and trying to establish a foothold in the region. Federal law enforcement said the cartel is now the primary group trafficking fentanyl into the United States across the southern border and into the Pacific Northwest via the north/south Interstate 5 corridor. In July 2020, federal agents in Puget Sound arrested 19 drug traffickers linked to CJNG and indicted 15 after an 18-month investigation. Police seized 200 fentanyl pills and 20 pounds of methamphetamine along with heroin, cocaine, nine firearms, and more than \$250,000 in cash.

SOURCE: 7 May 2021, [KOMO News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – At Least 68 Killed in Bomb Attack Outside of a School

(U) Kabul – The death toll from a bomb attack outside a school in the Afghan capital Kabul has risen to 68, officials said yesterday, with doctors struggling to care for 165 injured victims and families searching desperately for missing children. Explosions on Saturday evening shook the neighborhood of Dasht-e-Barchi, home to a large community of Shi'ites from the Hazara ethnic minority which has been targeted in the past by ISIS. A car bomb was detonated in front of the Sayed Al-Shuhada school and two more bombs exploded when students rushed out in panic. Officials said most of those killed were schoolgirls. Some families were still searching hospitals for their children.

SOURCE: 9 May 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Niger – ISIS Fighters Kill 15 Soldiers Near the Border of Mali

(U) Banibangou – Niger's government said that 15 of its soldiers were killed in a "terrorist attack" near the border with Mali. 31 soldiers have been killed over the last four days. Niger's defense ministry indicated that heavily armed men had attacked troops serving under the anti-Jihadist operation near the town of Banibangou. While the Niger army suffered some losses, Niger's defense ministry indicated that the terrorists suffered great losses, including the destruction of equipment. Niger is currently struggling with both the spillover of Nigeria's Boko Haram extremist movement in its southeast, and that of jihadists affiliated with the ISIS and al-Qa'ida in its west.

SOURCE: 9 May 2021, [North Africa Journal](#)

(U) Nigeria – Six Killed at Southern Nigerian Police Station

(U) Akwa Ibom – Armed attackers killed six people at a police station in southern Nigeria, bringing the total number of officers killed over the weekend to 12 amid escalating violence nationwide. The attack early on Saturday morning in Akwa Ibom state killed five officers and one of their wives. The killings followed three attacks on Friday night in the southern oil hub of Rivers state where seven officers were killed. Since December, bandits have kidnapped more than 700 people from schools in the northwest, Islamist militants have killed scores of soldiers and civilians in the northeast and kidnapping and crime have increased nationwide.

SOURCE: 9 May 2021, [Reuters](#)

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